



Docket No. NIT-278

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Appl. No. : 09/873,259 Confirmation No. 5965  
Applicant : T. TANAKA et al.  
Filed : June 5, 2001  
Title : METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROVIDING BROKER  
SERVICE TO AUCTIONS  
TC/AU : 3628  
Examiner : S.E. Chencinski  
Customer No. : 24956

**AMENDMENT**

**MAIL STOP: AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 3, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.

**A Petition for a two-month Extension of Time and required fee accompany this paper.**